

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL MARCH 28, 2016 85 N. MARKET ST 7 PM

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present was Atty. Beagle, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Todd, Mr. Tyger and Mr. Walker. Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Law Director Dave Powers, Finance Director Traci Thompson and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the March 14, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen seconded by Atty. Beagle. All in favor. There were no monthly reports.

AGENDA: Rick & Karen Gorby were on the agenda to speak but did not show up.

CLERK: Martin stated that the Charter Review Commission would meet again on Thursday March 31st at 6pm.

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch stated the Spring Clean Up was today and everyone did a very nice job.

MANAGER: Manager Monteleone stated he had a meeting with the County over the chip and seal program and he gave council a list of the proposed roads for the program. He said there will also be another list that we will use a private contractor for. He also thanked CSI Environmental for another successful Spring Clean Up.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers stated that he has frequent contact with Becky Hall who administers the CHIP program, he said they have received a foreclosure notice on a property that the Village has a loan on and they are working on it. He said we should start seeing a great deal of activity around the Captain Taggart building in the near future as a major renovation project is about to take off. He said that Building/Zoning Inspector John Simon has been in contact with him on the subject of chickens in the Village and that we get several calls a year on the issue. After reviewing the ordinances he found only two references to chickens, one states that you cannot use an outbuilding for anything besides a garage which means it can't be used for a chicken coop, and if a nuisance would be created because of the chickens. He wanted to bring the issue to the attention of Council in case they would be inclined to look into it. Mr. Elzer stated that large cities are passing regulations to allow chickens and we probably shouldn't address it the opposite way. Mr. Elzer asked what was going on at the old "Big Dogs" on Market St. Building Inspector John Simon stated he and the Chief Brown condemned the building, meaning no one is allowed to enter the premises unless they contact him or the Fire Chief and they must make repairs to the property.

STREETS: Mr. Walker thanked Monteleone for the list of streets for the County chip & seal program.

S/P/R/C: Mr. Cohen said they are making progress on the brick work at the pool, Monteleone agreed saying it isn't moving as fast as they had hoped. They hope it will be done by the time the weather breaks and then they will start on the white paint that was previously discussed. Mr. Cohen stated Rotary held the Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast recently and John Davis said it went very well. Mr. Davis (Rotary President) said the roof trusses for the Dog Park have been delivered and construction will start soon. Monteleone stated we should have a Park Committee meeting soon to put together the rules and regulations for the dog park. Mr. Davis said they have the rules for the dog park in Boardman to use as a starting point. Mr. Cohen called a SPRC Committee meeting for 6pm prior to the next regular meeting on April 11. Atty. Beagle stated that she has been looking at murals in a lot of small towns and there are a lot of family friendly murals that we should investigate before we move any further with ours. She stated that an area in Canton has their garbage cans painted with ducks and that it was very light and airy and really picked up a not so nice area. Monteleone said murals are a passion of his and we got a very good response from the one on our building, he said the hard part is finding the artists and asked if the reporter could put it in the paper that we are seeking artists to do approved murals downtown. Mayor Zuch and Atty. Beagle agreed but also said we should have total approval of what gets done. Mr. Walker said we should check with the high school art department. Monteleone said he has tried, contacting local schools and colleges with no results but that he would try again. Mr. Cohen asked who was responsible for the "Welcome to East Palestine" sign on RT 14. Monteleone said it belongs to the

Village and that the Garden Club used to maintain it however last year they gave us a letter saying they would no longer be doing it and that he plans to work on the area this year.

DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Elzer said the Captain Taggart project is kicking off and that could be the biggest project we have ever had and he thanked CSI for the great job they did with the clean up. Monteleone stated that the East North Avenue School building is now for sale again and he wanted to help get the word out and it would be great to see something done with it. Mr. Elzer said we have a lot of property that is commercial but zoned residential and that limits what can be done there.

UTILITY: Mr. Todd asked Manager Monteleone if he had been in touch with Mr. Swanson (the new class III operator). Monteleone said he did and that he will start Monday April 4.

FINANCE: Mr. Tyger stated that we are now online with “ohiocheckbook.com” and we currently have 2013, 2014 & 2015 available to view.

VISITORS: John & Dot Herbert, Jerry Coblentz, John Simon, Mary Anne Tyger, Dianna Elzer, Chief Kevin Dickey, John Davis, Josh Foster, Barb Greaves, Katie White.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

LEGISLATION: Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 4-2016 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance amending chapter 248.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the Municipality of East Palestine, Ohio to reflect a new rate structure for building permits.** Atty. Beagle called for a vote on Ord. 4-2016. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y. 6 yes to pass. Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 5-2016 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Municipal Manager to advertise for bids for the planning, repair and repaving of East and West North Ave. and West North Ave. Circle.** Atty. Beagle called for a vote on Ord. 5-2016. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd, Mr. Tyger, Mr. Walker, Atty. Beagle-y. 6 yes to pass. Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 9-2016 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance adopting a procedure for the evaluation of employees of council.** Atty. Beagle introduced Res. 6-2016 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.** Atty. Beagle called for a vote on Res. 6-2016. Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y, Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Cohen-y. 6 yes to pass. Building Inspector John Simon asked Council to think about the animal issue in general (including chickens) so he had a concrete answer for residents when the ask about it.

ADJOURN: Mr. Elzer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Atty. Beagle. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR MARGO ZUCH